

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 24, 2003
1647 E. Morten, Training Room

Members Present:

Michel Sucher, MD	Mark Stroh
Mark Venuti	Dave Samuels
Kay Lewis, PhD	Jerry Stein
Jan Hauk	Robert Vavrick, MD
Charlie Smith	Therese Williamson (Dunn)
Scott Butler	Taylor Payson
Peter Vann, MD	Marilyn Price
Daniel Spaite, MD	Gitti Silven
Rick Bartee	Gary Bradbury
Sgt. Richard Thacher	Patty Seneski
Willie Minor, Ed.D.	

Members Absent:

Rick Bartee
David Cheney
Pat Andrews
Bob Ramsey
Roy Ryals
Michael Ward, DO
J. Marty Dernier

BEMS Staff Present:

Victor Dominguez	Judi Crume
Larry Heidenberg	Donna Meyer
Susan Nicolas	Gerald Ollier
Howard Schwartz	Lorenzo Henry
Chuck Kramer	Pennie Klein
Peggy Lahren	Betty Yunick

Guests Present:

Nancy Parks	John Gallagher, MD
Barbara Taylor	Brian Smith
Bill Miller	Stephen Powles
Orlando Alcordo	Paul Coe
Judi Buckley-Liggett	Christopher Black
Janine Anderson	Toni Brophy, MD
Clifton McNeil	Neal Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Dr. Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

- A. Moment of Silence – Dr. Kay Lewis requested a moment of silence for EMS Council member Ed Neville who passed away.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Vavrick and seconded by Mark Venuti to accept the agenda and make a change to the agenda. A motion was made by Dave Samuels and seconded by Dr. Kay Lewis to approve the minutes of October 25, 2002 with one correction to move Roy Ryals from absent to present **Motion carried.**

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Judi Crume, Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Council:

- Catherine Eden, Director of the Department of Health Services, has been reappointed under the new administration
- The budget requirements for this year will not be any more extensive
- One million dollars has been taken from the EMS Operating Fund by the Legislature to subsidize the state budget deficit
- Start July budget with \$277,000

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Dr. Sucher handed out certificates for:

- Completion of the Boards and Commission Member Orientation and Ethics Training to Jerry Stein
- Loyalty Oaths for Dr. Willie Minor and Dr. Daniel Spaite for EMS Council and Medical Direction Commission
- Victor Dominguez is now the contact person for the EMS Council
- Dr. Gallagher will be replacing Dr. Vann on EMS Council

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Update – There are several positions still in process.

B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report –

1) Approve EMS Futures Workgroup Membership – The core group of the proposed membership will be:

- Pete Gorraiz
- Gary Bradbury
- Robert Cantwell
- Kurt Krumperman
- Doug Emmons
- Patrick Connell, MD
- Mark Venuti
- John Schufelt, MD
- Bob Ramsey
- Judi Crume
- Michel Sucher, MD

It was recommended that the workgroup also have hospital and insurance representation. These consultants will be added to the workgroup as needed.

A motion was made by Dave Samuels, seconded by Dr. Vavrick to approve the membership of the EMS Futures Workgroup. **Motion carried.**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee –The Committee met on November 22, 2002. The committee was restructured to have adequate representation from several agencies. The next meeting will be held February 21, 2003.

- 1) **Use of Manikins for testing** – Discussion ensued regarding use of manikins for testing. The Department identified that training programs can use manikins for testing as authorized by the NREMT EMT-B Practical Examination Users Guide (R9-25-307)(F)(2)(b)(iii). This agenda item was withdrawn as an action item.

Item: The Use of Manikins for testing as authorized by the NREMT EMT-B Practical Examination Users Guide (R9-25-307)(F)(2)(b)iii
Follow Up: Education Committee Meeting
When: February 21, 2003

- B. **Rules Committee** – The Rules Committee did not meet.
- C. **Budget Committee** – The Budget Committee did not meet. There will be a resurrection of the Budget Committee in the future.

VII. **RULES STATUS REPORT**

- A. **Chapter 25 Revision** – The next meeting will be held February 13, 2003 from 10:00 to 4:00 pm at 1651 E. Morten in Conference Room A. There are sixteen members in the core group and this is a public meeting. There will be a new set of reference documents for discussion purposes presented at that meeting to gather further input.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Call Boxes on Highway 93** – Due to the special appropriation of Senate Bill 2509 (started in 1999) these call boxes were added along U.S. 93 between Wickenburg and Kingman. The call boxes are helpful because many cell phones don't offer coverage in remote parts of the state.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Bioterrorism Preparedness** - Dr. David Engelthaler presented an update on Bioterrorism using a powerpoint demonstration.
 - Planning, exercises, surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory communications and training are the key foundations of public health
 - In Arizona we are only dealing with Phase I
 - All vaccinations are completely voluntary and no vaccine will given until the liability and compensation issues have been clarified
 - The goal is to start vaccinations early in February
 - Jane Wixted is the Hospital Preparedness Coordinator
- B. **Location of June 2003 EMS Council Meeting** – A motion was made by Dr. Spaite, seconded by Taylor Payson that the next EMS Council meeting will be held at the AEMS Conference. The conference is being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 48th Street between Tatum and Cactus. Question whether there will be money in the budget to cover lunch. Directions will be mailed out.
Motion carried.
- C. **The National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center** - Mike Elly from NEDARC spoke to the committee regarding the background of the organization. The program is supposed to become integrated into the EMS System. Some key points of the discussion were:
 - Creation of NEDARC
 - Grantee technical assistance
 - 42 states have been visited
 - Nature of submission
 - Financial
 - Single biggest barrier
 - How the data is submitted to the state
 - Electronic Capabilities of EMS Providers

- Almost all states have or are developing EMS data collection

D. Rural AED Program

- We received \$216,000 from the HRSA grant for the purchase and training of rural AEDs and training
- All of the seven federally approved AED companies have been invited to the Bureau for a demonstration on January 24, 2003 at 1:30 pm.
- The AEDs may be placed and training completed possibly by June

X. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- Discussion ensued regarding SB 1010 and HB 2004 pertaining to overcrowding and diversion
 - Changing the definition is a technical amendment

XI. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Central** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. Maricopa County Emergency Department Diversion hours are actually lower than the previous 2 years. 54% increase over the total for 2000 (11,594 hours), despite the fact that there was a decrease from 2001 (18,431 hours). Diversion is still a significant factor in the valley, but the overall occurrence appears to be leveling off.
- B. Southern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The SAEMS Council elected Dr. Spaite as Chair and Terry Shine was reelected as Vice Chair. The council is sponsoring a one-day fitness seminar on March 13 at Kino Hospital and the cost is free.
- D. Western** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.
- E. Northern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau.

XII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

XIII. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Annual EMS Odyssey Conference will be held June 19 – 20, 2003 at the Embassy Suites, Scottsdale.

The Communications Subgroup's focus is communication as it relates to hospital preparedness. The next meeting will be held February 5, 2003.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held April 25, 2003.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Approved by EMS Council 4/25/03